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Awards Recognize Accomplishments of Inspectors General

On Tuesday, October 23, 2007, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) will recognize over 110 individuals or groups from the Inspector General community for outstanding accomplishments at their tenth annual awards ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 13th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, at 10:00 am.

Clay Johnson III, PCIE and ECIE Chair and Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget, will present the community's most prestigious awards, as follows:

- The Nelnet Audit Team, Department of Education, will receive the *Alexander Hamilton Award*. This award recognizes outstanding achievements in improving the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of Executive Branch agency operations. The award was named for the Nation's Founding Father, who served as an Inspector General, and is considered the highest form of recognition that the Inspector General community can bestow.
- The Indian Lobbying Investigative Team, Department of Labor, will receive the *Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award*. This award recognizes courage, determination, and integrity, which contribute to the public's confidence in government and exemplify the highest ideals of government service as envisioned by the Inspector General Act.
- Richard B. Jolliffe, Department of Defense, will receive the *Glenn/Roth Exemplary Service Award*. This award is named for Senators John Glenn and William Roth who were instrumental in the original passage, and subsequent implementation of the Inspector General Act. It recognizes work and behavior demonstrating outstanding

achievements in furthering relations between a Department or Agency (or the community) and the Congress.

- The *Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage* named for William “Buddy” Sentner, III, a special agent, who was fatally shot in the line of duty, will be presented to the Forward Deployed Presence in Southwest Asia team, also from the Department of Defense. This award recognizes an individual or a team demonstrating uncommon dedication and courage in the face of adversity.
- The *Barry R. Snyder PCIE/ECIE Joint Award* will be presented to the National Science Foundation and the Social Security Administration. This award recognizes outstanding work that is accomplished jointly by individuals from both the PCIE and the ECIE. The award is named for Barry R. Snyder who retired this year and served as the former Vice Chair of the ECIE for 8 years and Inspector General at the Federal Reserve Board for 9 years.

In addition, Mr. Johnson will present the *June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award* to Judy Rock-Holtz who retired from the Department of Health and Human Services this year. This award was named in 2001 for June Gibbs Brown, former Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, to recognize her leadership and contributions to the community. An individual accomplishment award, to recognize efforts that benefit the community at large, is also featured.

During the program, Gregory Friedman, PCIE Vice Chair, will present 88 PCIE Awards for Excellence and Christine Boesz, ECIE Vice Chair, will present 14 ECIE Awards for Excellence. These awards recognize accomplishments in audit, investigation, evaluation, employee protections, government ethics, management, administrative, law and legislation and information technology areas. The PCIE and ECIE are composed primarily of the Inspectors General and certain government ethics and law enforcement officials. Inspectors General in the PCIE are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The respective Agency head appoints ECIE Inspectors General.

Made up of over 11,800 audit, investigation, inspection and other professionals at 62 Federal OIGs, the Inspector General community is charged with being a significant, positive force for improving the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of Federal programs and operations and for preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement. During fiscal year 2006, the community identified potential savings of \$9.9 billion from audit recommendations; \$6.8 billion in investigative recovers; 6,500 indictments and criminal informations; 8, 400 successful prosecutions; 7,300 suspensions or debarments; and, 4, 200 personnel actions. For more information on the IG community, visit <http://www.ignet.gov>.

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